



## John William Ragland

August 12, 1941 - May 29, 2022

John William Ragland, 80, passed onto his eternal rest on May 29, 2022 in Orlando, FL. He was born in the Lake Underhill area on August 12, 1941, to parents Sarah Frances Patrick and George William Ragland.

John grew up in New Smyrna Beach with his parents, brother and 3 sisters. At 18, he entered the U. S. Army and served in the Army and the Reserves for 5 years. He spent over a year in Korea. John met his wife Joanne when they were neighbors in Jacksonville, FL and he was in school at Florida Technical College. They married on June 17, 1967 and celebrated 54 years together.

They moved to Orlando in 1968 when he was hired to teach computer programming. He was a Jack of all trades who passed on his love of building, fixing and tinkering to his kids. John and Joanne owned and maintained 6 rental properties between Orlando and Jacksonville, as well as owning a delivery service for over 25 years.

John enjoyed traveling, taking cruises and spending time with family. He also liked reading western novels, tapping his toes to jazz music and making his family laugh with his dry sense of humor. He took pride in the fact that his family was some of the earlier settlers in the Orlando area before Florida became a state.

He is survived by his wife Joanne Ragland, 3 children David Ragland, Jerry Ragland and Allison Kent along with 5 grandchildren Christina, Lily, Alicia, Madison and Jack as well as his sister Joyce Dove. He is preceded in death by his parents Sarah Frances Patrick Herndon and George William Ragland, brother Eugene Carson and sisters Sally Decker and Lucille Millard.

# Previous Events

## **Celebration of Life**

JUN 2. 6:00 PM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations  
910 W. Michigan Street  
Orlando, FL 32805  
(407) 841-4424  
<https://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of John William Ragland.



June 01, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of John William Ragland.



May 31, 2022 at 12:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John William Ragland.



May 31, 2022 at 10:38 AM



“ *Friends at American Water Acciona Agua* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of John William Ragland.



**Friends at American Water Acciona Agua** - May 31, 2022 at 08:51 AM

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“ *Because of Uncle John, I know how to make "real Southern iced tea" (=sugar) and enjoy it as the day finally cools off at sundown. - Cindy Roessler*

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**Cindy Roessler** - May 31, 2022 at 12:58 AM

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“ *John and Joanne have been our friends since the early 1960's so it is hard to think of his passing. We shared many happy moments and loved raising our families. We kept up with them throughout the years but lived in different locations yet remained close friends. John loved his orchids and was very talented in growing them- they were always beautiful! John loved his family and was obviously a great husband and father. We will miss his kindness and humor. Much love to the family during these difficult times. May God keep all of you healthy and safe.*  
*Eileen and William Falck*

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**Eileen Falck** - May 30, 2022 at 11:56 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Gen Roessler** - May 30, 2022 at 05:37 PM

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“ John and I shared a love of jazz and often during family visits we played CDs that we liked while Joanne and Chuck explored their Roessler/Rausch family genealogy. John introduced me to Gene Harris, a jazz pianist, who along with his group produced a CD called “In His Hands” in 1997. John had two copies of that CD and gave me one. I got it out today and had good thoughts about John now being “In His Hands.” Both of us also liked the Gene Harris rendition of “Will the Circle Be Unbroken,” a Christian hymn about a person rejoining family in heaven. Surely John has now rejoined Sarah, George, Eugene, Sally, Lucille, and other family members in “the better home in the sky.”

*Gen Roessler*

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**Gen Roessler** - May 30, 2022 at 05:29 PM